

## **HAMPTON INN & SUITES HOTEL SIGNS ON TO SAN MANUEL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

### ***Hilton Hotel Subsidiary Is First National Brand to Join Economic Development Project in Highland***

**SAN MANUEL INDIAN NATION, Calif. – April 26, 2005** – The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced today that one of its enterprises has entered into a franchise license agreement with Hampton Inns & Suites, a subsidiary of Hilton Hotels, in the planned San Manuel Village in Highland, Calif. The hotel is part of the tribe's proposed multi-purpose commercial and retail project – aptly named San Manuel Village – located at the southeast corner of Highland and Boulder Avenues.

This agreement represents the first national brand to take up residence at the location. Other leading companies are in discussions with the Tribe as it seeks to round out San Manuel Village's offerings with retail/commercial/office space, specialty markets and restaurants.

"Development opportunities such as these allow the Tribe to branch out from the government gaming industry and seek new ways to strengthen the local economy, while at the same time securing a viable future for generations of our people," said Chairman Deron Marquez of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. "We've long had a vision to bring greater prosperity to our surrounding community and San Manuel Village underpins the Tribe's commitment to fostering job growth, offering tourists new reasons to visit and furthering economic stimulus in San Bernardino County."

The San Manuel Village Hampton Inn & Suites will include 110 rooms and suites, which are ideally suited for corporate travelers, tribal business associates and tourists visiting the area. While amenities of the new hotel are still under review, the project overall will provide opportunities and partnerships with local vendors and suppliers and will create approximately 250 jobs for Highland and San Bernardino residents.

#### **About Hampton Inns & Suites**

With more than 1,200 locations, Hampton Inns & Suites offer value-minded travelers comfortable, well-equipped rooms and suites. Friendly service and many extra touches make every stay more enjoyable. As a proud member of the Hilton family of hotels, Hampton Inn & Suites guests enjoy award-winning accommodations in a mid-priced family of properties. Convenient locations, complimentary breakfast and complimentary local phone calls are just a few of the reasons so many Hampton Inn & Suites guests become loyal repeat visitors.

#### **About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

Descendents of the Serrano Indians, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians inhabited a territory spanning the San Bernardino Mountains, valley and adjoining desert lands for centuries. Today, the tribe is located on the San Manuel Reservation near Highland, Calif. Like other tribal lands in the United States, the San Manuel Reservation is a sovereign nation with its own system of government and tribal laws. The tribe operates the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino and the San Manuel Bottled Water Group, in addition to managing a variety of economic ventures. A partner in the community, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians actively contributes to a variety of projects in neighboring areas. Nearby cities and towns receive support from the tribe in the way of monetary and bottled water donations for cultural, social, and economic projects to benefit the common good of the communities in which the tribe's members live and work.

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